

Complain Better

Week of May 28, 2017

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Read Habakkuk 1:1-11. What was Habakkuk upset about?

What do you think about complaining to God? Have you ever done that? Does it feel right or wrong to you?

What do you notice about God's answer?

God tells Habakkuk that he is planning to raise up the Babylonians. In chapter 2, we will learn that he will raise them up to judge the nation of Judah, but in chapter 1, all we know is that God will "raise them up." What would you think about that if you were Habakkuk?

God goes to great lengths to emphasize how vicious and evil the Babylonians are. What does it say to you that God knows how bad they are and he's still planning to raise them up?

No matter how good or bad things are and no matter who is in power, God claims that he is still in charge. How hard is it for you to remember that?

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Our main rule for learning to complain better was this:

**Talk to the manager (the one in charge),
and accept your ignorance (listen to what he says).**

What does it mean to you that you can bring any complaint to God and he can handle it?

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